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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 2 Fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 9823 Acer Ave.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 1:48 p.m. on Monday Feb. 16, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire on 9823 Acer Ave. when neighbors saw smoke and called 911. Upon arriving on the scene at 1:48 p.m., crews found heavy smoke and fire coming from the car port at the right side of the house. After a primary search, crews determined there were no occupants in the house and proceeded to attack the fire.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control at 1:52 p.m. and contain it to approximately 30% of the house. Damages are estimated at \$50,000, to include a vehicle in the car port. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

There were no injuries to residents or fire personnel. A total of 9 units and 24 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Police, Texas Gas Service, El Paso Electric and the American Red Cross assisted in the incident.

The El Paso Fire Department would like to remind the public to stay back at least one city block when they see fire vehicles at a scene. The public should never park or drive around fire vehicles when firefighters are fighting a fire. Not only is this practice dangerous, it is also illegal. Interrupting, disrupting, impeding or otherwise interfering firefighters while they are fighting a fire is at least a Class C Misdemeanor in the state of Texas and residents can be cited or arrested.

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